



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY JOB CLASS SPECIFICATION

DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATE I

Job Number: 20001890

Job Code: 98390V151201

Job Group: 9800 - LAW

Job Established: 06/16/1982

Job Revised: 12/01/2015

Grade: 13 Salary (MIN - MID):

\$16,432-\$21,875 - Hourly

\$2,670.20-\$3,554.70 - 37.5 Hr. Monthly Salary

\$2,848.22-\$3,791.68 - 40 Hr. Monthly Salary

Special Entrance Rate:

NONE

NONE

NONE

PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

This job has an initial and promotional probationary period of 6 months. For additional information refer to: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/101/001/325.htm>.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE JOB: *Characteristics of a job are general statements indicating the level of responsibility and discretion of positions in that job classification. These are not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Provides basic non-attorney representation for clients with disabilities under the direct supervision of an attorney. Provides training to community based advocacy groups. Provides information and referral services related to disabilities; and performs other duties as required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION:

Graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in special education, psychology, social work, counseling, nursing, behavioral science, rehabilitation, mental health professions or a field related specifically to people with disabilities.

EXPERIENCE:

Must have two years of experience working with people with disabilities.

Substitute EDUCATION for EXPERIENCE:

Graduate work in law or in a field related specifically to people with disabilities will substitute for the required experience on a year for year basis.

Substitute EXPERIENCE for EDUCATION:

Work advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities will substitute for the bachelor's degree on a year-for-year basis.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS (AGE, LICENSURE, REGULATION, ETC.):

NONE

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES OR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB CLASSIFICATION: *Examples of duties or responsibilities are not to be construed as describing what the duties or responsibilities of any position shall be and are not to be construed as limiting the appointing authority's ability to assign, or otherwise alter the duties and responsibilities of a position. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list.*

Attends meetings (such as treatment and individual planning meetings) to advocate the rights of clients who have disabilities. Learns to interpret unfamiliar terms for clients. Learns to recommend specific data needed to determine the appropriate type of programming or treatment for client. Obtains client's case direction and asserts client's specific recommendations for programming or treatment changes or additions when appropriate. Informs clients, parents, guardians and others as directed of due process and other substantive rights of the client. Participates in training sessions for advocates, agency personnel, advisory board members, persons with disabilities, as well as parents and interested citizens. Meets with public officials and the general public for informational exchange. .

UNIQUE PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

Employee occasionally may assist persons with disabilities from wheelchairs to automobiles.

TYPICAL WORKING CONDITIONS: *Incumbents in the job will typically perform their job duties under these conditions.*

The physical demands of this position are desk work with frequent traveling. Hazards in this position stem from inclement road conditions and potentially upset parents, clients, or others and conditions in institutional environments.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Upon appointment, employees in this class may be required to maintain a valid driver's license and required to drive a licensed vehicle. This status may be necessary for the length of time in this class. If this is necessary it will be listed in the specific position description for that position. Applicants and employees in this job title may be required to submit to a drug screening test and background check. Applicants and employees in positions which perform job duties that may require contact with offenders in the custody or supervision of the Department of Corrections or with youth in the care, custody, or supervision of the Department of Juvenile Justice must meet qualifications pursuant to the federal Prison Rape Elimination Act, 28 C.F.R.115.17 and 115.317.

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